

THE

LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
October 16th at
The Cove Upper Deck,
Downtown South
Bend

SJRVFF WELCOMES CAPTAIN BRIAN MESZAROS

Capt. Brian Meszaros of Great Lakes Flyfishing LLC began serving the outdoor enthusiast in 1992 when he became one of the first guides in the country to target Musky with the fly. Capt. Brian is recognized as the original fly fishing and light tackle professional guide service on Lakes St. Clair and Erie and one of the premiere warmwater fisheries speaking authorities.

Capt. Brian is a current USCG licensed Captain and has been guiding, writing, filming television shows and conducting seminars since 1992.

Being an innovator in the sport, and one of the first guides in the country to pursue Musky on the fly, he became the original fly fishing guide on Lake St. Clair developing the “St. Clair Slam” and techniques and tactics in the pursuit of warm water species indicative of the region.

Capt. Brian, a FFF Endorsed Guide, has also appeared in a various fly fishing periodicals and television shows and was recently honored as 1 of the top 100 fly fishing destinations in the world by American Angler Magazine.



Capt. Brian will be covering “Fishing Lake St. Clair” with an emphasis on Muskie.



If you've been a member of the SJRVFF for a year or more you know this time of year gets a little crazy. Not only do we have lots of club stuff to take care of (see all the stuff throughout this newsletter) but we also have the warm water season winding down and the salmon and steelhead season hitting its stride. It's a good time of year to be a fisher-person out on a river. Almost any river. Even if you've chosen the wrong river that particular day, you've still got an amazing palette of colors all around you to brighten your mood. And if you're like me, about the time you notice the colors and let go of the anxiety of needing to catch a fish, your fly gets a bump. Or better yet, that pull on your line you were looking for before you got "distracted". Fishing is supposed to be relaxing. Something more than just getting away from the office for a bit. Maybe that's why we are so often rewarded for just enjoying the surroundings and the moment. The reward of just fishing.

I spent the better part of this past week salmon fishing up north a bit. I was so excited when I got to the lodge that I practically threw my nonessential stuff (non-fishing gear) in the cabin and put my rod together while pulling on my waders. I headed down toward the river and got about 100 yards from the cabin before I remembered my wallet and license were between the front seats of my car. I repeated this route part way to the river and back to the car/cabin three more times as I remembered something on the way down. Fortunately nobody saw me making these repeat trips. At least I told myself that. When I finally got down to the river's edge I could see at least half a dozen big, dark bodies hanging out on a gravel bar. If I could see that many then I knew there must be another dozen or so in the dark trough downstream from them. Or better yet, a nice dark steelhead ready to eat the egg pattern I had in the fly box. Good thing I went back for those on the

second trip back to the car. In a matter of seconds my brain worked up a swirling image of giant fish jumping out of the cold water while attached to my fly. I mention the cold water because my first excited step into the river was on top of a very round, very slippery rock. Or at least that's what my brain decided was the problem as I was laying face first in water. As I pulled myself up and felt the cold water fill the bottom of my boot, I cursed my stupidity and overly anxious actions. But it was that cold splash of water that reminded me I was there to enjoy fishing. There'd be more than the dozen fish I just spooked. And as the water in my boots slowly got up to body temperature I was even able to laugh at myself for putting my first cast in the brush above the next pod of fish I found. The trip got way better from there but I have to think part of it was because I was reminded that it was just fishing.

- Dusty



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Membership renewal dues can be paid at the club meetings or by mail to:

SJRVFF
P.O. Box 933
South Bend, IN 46624

- You can pay your dues by credit card through the web site. Click on the "Join SJRVFF" tab and down toward the bottom you will see where you can pay via PayPal.
- The dues are still just \$20.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for a family membership.



MEETING DETAILS:

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Meal at 7:00
Meeting starts about 7:30

Location:

The Upper Deck,
Coveleski Stadium,
501 West South Street,
South Bend

Parking is free.

Meal cost \$13.00/person

MENU

Pasta Salad
with olives, cheese, and
peppers in a creamy
dressing

Grilled Chicken Thighs
with Duo BBQ Sauce

Garlic Butter Roasted Barrel
Potatoes with Fresh
Chopped Herbs

Cowboy Baked Beans
cooked low and slow with
BBQ Sauce and Brown
Sugar

Cornbread with Whipped
Butter & Honey

Banana Pudding Parfaits
With Fresh Whipped Cream
& Plantain Crisps

Complimentary Beverage
Station

ELECTION TIME IS COMING

LIBRARY INVENTORY

If you have a library book or video from the club's collection, please bring it to the October meeting. We are trying to finalize an inventory of all the material we have. We will be adding some materials in the coming months and want to make sure we maximize our dollars by not buying any duplicates.

If you are not able to attend the October meeting and have a book or video, please email Eric Wroblewski to let him know what you have.

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Election time is right around the corner and this is your opportunity to be part of the leadership of the SJRVFF. We have a rather large slate to fill this year and need your help.

How it works

The Board will identify and present a slate to the membership at the December meeting. Additional nominations for the available positions can also be made at that time from the floor by a member in good standing. All members in good standing can then vote on the nominees and we will have our leadership for 2014 set. That's a bit of simplification but we will deal with the details per the by-laws at the meeting as necessary. If you are interested in giving a bit of your time and talents, please talk with one of the directors listed on the following page.

Positions Available

Each year two of the six directors rotate off of the board and are replaced. Additionally, Eric and Mark, current president and vice-president, respectively, will not be returning for a second term. So the positions available are:

- President
- Vice-President
- 3-Year Director (2)

Though not elected positions, we are also still looking for an events coordinator.

The Perks

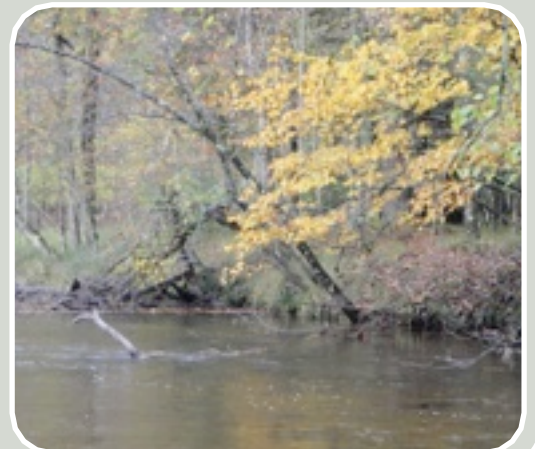
First and foremost, you get to give back to the club that has provide many hours of entertainment and invaluable information to you over the years. There's nothing more satisfying than giving back.

Don't underestimate the value of the SJRVFF on a resume.

You have an awesome cast of past directors to draw from for advice and assistance. Over the decades the SJRVFF has been around, I'm sure there's someone who's seen it before. What ever "it" may be.

A better understand of what goes into making a great club great.

POWER!



DIRECTORS

President: Eric Wroblewski
 Vice-President: Mark Haley
 Treasurer: Lee Troyer
 Secretary: Jim Gibson
 1 Year Director: Larry Schmitt
 1 Year Director: Erik Gilbert
 2 Year Director: Billy Vail
 2 Year Director: Mary Hellen Znavor
 3 Year Director: Doug Moore
 3 Year Director: Tim Pote

COMMITTEE HEADS

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UPCOMING EVENTS	NOV 20	NOV 28	DEC 18	DEC 25
	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - The Upper Deck, Coveleski Stadium</p>	<p>Thanksgiving</p> <p>Time to start laying the hints for that rod or reel you want for Christmas</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p>

CLUB AWARDS AT DECEMBER MEETING!

The club awards are given annually at the December meeting. We are looking for nominations for the following:

- Okee Drifter
- Fly Fisher of the Year
- Fly Tier of the Year
- Harry Hustle

There are several ways to make a nomination. Email any of the board members with you nomination, make a nomination to any of the board members in person at the October or November meetings, or go to the SJRVFF website under the awards section and make a nomination there. For a detailed explanation of each award please go to the SJRVFF Website under the awards section. We need nominations from you...Please help.



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